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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2";

Claim 4, line 3, delete "anyone of the preceding

claims" and insert --claim 1--;

£laim 7, line 1, delete "or 6";